

REMARKS

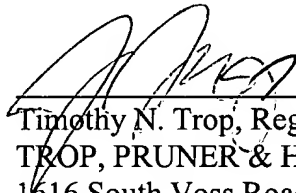
The claims are rejected over the U.S. patent application to Wu. That application has a filing date of July 27, 1998.

The effective filing date of the present application is December 18, 1997 which is the filing date of the parent application, of which the present application is a divisional.

The reliance on Wu is inappropriate under the circumstances and reconsideration would be respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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